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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service
CC Docket No. 96-45
WC Docket No. 05-337**

Dear Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, we hereby provide you with notice of an oral *ex parte* presentations in connection with the above-captioned proceedings.

On Thursday, January 11, 2007, undersigned counsel on behalf of U.S. Cellular Corp. and the Alliance of Rural CMRS Carriers, met with Commissioner Ray Baum to discuss the Joint Board's consideration of universal service reform for areas served by rural telephone companies.

We discussed important reforms the Commission should undertake prior to implementing a reverse auction methodology for providing universal service support. The enclosed slide presentation provides details concerning our discussion.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact undersigned counsel directly.

Sincerely,



David A. LaFuria

cc: Hon. Ray Baum

Enclosure